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In the application of: :
Kuang-Kai Liu : Confirmation No.: 1872
Serial No.: 10/827,088 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: 4/19/2004 : Examiner:

For: Disposable Absorbent Articles Having Wetness Appearing Graphics

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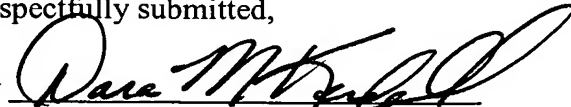
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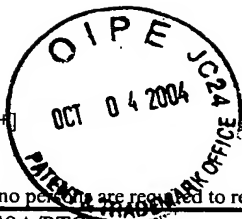


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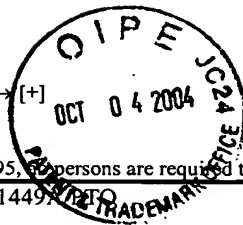
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